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1. DURING JULY 12 CALL ON SYG LUNS, THE AMBASSADOR REITER-ATED US OPPOSITION TO A 100 PERCENT COST OF LIVING ADJUST-MENT FOR THE NATO STAFF OR ANY SHORT-CIRCUITING OF THE CCG SALARY REVIEW NOW UNDERWAY. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO REITERATED US DISAPPROVAL OF STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES AT NATO HEAD-QUARTERS.

2. LUNS AVOIDED ANY LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE AMBASSADOR'S POINTS, BUT MENTIONED BRIEFLY THE REASONS THE STAFF THOUGHT THEIR DEMANDS WERE JUSTIFIED. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE WAS A LEGAL ISSUE, THAT NATO COULD NOT LOCK OUT ITS EMPLOYEES DURING A STRIKE, AND THAT THE BEST WAY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEAL WITH STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES WAS TO DOCK PAY APPROPRIATELY. LUNS SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE STAFF ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT BE CONTEMPLATING ANY STRIKES BEFORE SEPTEMBER, AND THAT HE HAD GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THE STAFF ASSOCIATION WAS PREPARED TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE CCG REVIEW WHICH, IF TRUE, WOULD EFFECTIVELY POSTPONE ANY STRIKE THREATS UNTIL OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. BENNETT

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